

EX-GOV. CHASE COMES HOME

Talks Fully and Freely of His Connection with the Greentown Bank.

Will Go to Kokomo To-Morrow—Offers to Go on His Bond—Not Employed by Dwiggins—Asks an Early Trial.

Ex-Governor Chase returned to his home at Irvington, yesterday noon, from a brief lecture tour through Pennsylvania and West Virginia, where he was when the Greentown bank indictments were found by the grand jury at Kokomo. A Journal reporter found him not only willing but glad to talk fully and freely about his connection with the bank.

The ex-Governor was in good color and strength, but looked a bit haggard and worn. "You have seen those cyclone threatening machines," he said, when the conversation had progressed a few moments. "Well, I feel as though I had been through one of them. This calamity has laid me in bed for ever since the crash came. Yet, there is consolation even in these dark hours," and Governor Chase pointed to a stack of mail he had just opened. "I had no idea I had so many friends. I am overwhelmed with offers to go on my bond and other services. The letters there represent over a million dollars for my bond if I want it, and aside from this my neighbors, headed by a Democrat, have asked the privilege of going upon it. Here are proffers of legal services from a number of the most prominent attorneys of Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Frankfort and other cities. Some of these letters have brought the tears to my eyes, something that all the trouble I have passed through has failed to do."

"When do you expect to go to Kokomo?" was asked. "I shall go up Monday. Had there been time to arrange the bond I should have taken the 1:20 train to-day. I will now have to wait until Monday noon. I will then file my bond and demand an immediate trial. I am ready, and surely they ought to be. I think it is due to me as well as to the public that the whole truth and nothing but the truth should be known by an official investigation as soon as possible. They cannot, in my judgment, make a thing out of those indictments. There is not a single ground of wrong intent on which to base a theory of crime. There was a popular excitement in Howard county and a demand that somebody be punished. This is perfectly natural, not blameworthy in itself, but I think a cooler judgment will demonstrate the fact that the grand jury has acted without sufficient information. I have learned since the grand jury returned that the man who was the forerunner was necessarily biased, as his family were among the upholders."

"One of the principal charges, Governor, is that you made alleged misrepresentations as to the soundness of the bank. Is not that a charge?"

"I unhesitatingly and unqualifiedly believed that bank was sound at the time the declarations were made," he continued. "I believed it was sound as a dollar. These people were caught between two failures and overwhelmed just as completely and helplessly as the Johnstown people in the Conemaugh flood. I had absolute confidence in Messrs. Paris & Nave, by whom I was employed, though Mr. Nave had no connection with the bank at Greentown, and I have still great confidence in them as men. I had been associated with them in a general way for a long time, and had seen them increase in wealth. Paris's values were simply crushed out in two hours. One morning in my judgment he was worth \$50,000 or more, and after the Columbia failure he was hardly worth \$500. By the Paris & Nave concern nobody will lose a dollar."

"You were employed as the agent of Paris & Nave, and not of the Greentown Bank or Zimri Dwiggins?"

"My contract was with Paris & Nave alone. I was never employed by Dwiggins in any capacity. My work was entirely satisfactory to my employers."

"What will the Greentown pay?"

"That depends on the settlement made by the Columbia National, as Mr. Paris has large holdings in that bank. I understand that Mr. Paris has made a proposition which he says ought to pay 50 per cent. of the liabilities, and that he offers them in addition eleven lots in Pierre, S. D., and \$100,000 in the stock of the Chicago Consolidated Gold Mining Company."

"Have you any idea of the value of this stock?"

"That is difficult to say, as none of it has ever been placed on the market. The company is now in the hands of E. C. Atkins. My hope rests in the success of the cyanide process. Atkins says if that process doesn't work something will. Some of the ore taken from the mine has produced \$30 in gold to the ton, and this is considered a very good assay."

"It is also charged that you represented yourself as a stockholder in the bank. What about that?"

"I never was a stockholder in the institution. I simply acted as an agent. My name appeared as a director, but that directorship was based on this proposition: that if I succeeded in reorganizing the bank as a State bank I was to get 10 per cent. of the stock for my services. I assisted in organizing the bank at Greentown, and was the first man to go there to locate it. That bank went through the recent flurry all right, and is now sound. The Greentown plan was precisely the same. The directors and stockholders were to be local men, and they were to take the bank and pass on the paper. If any of the paper was rejected it was to be taken out and cash substituted in its stead."

"How about that \$27,000 note of Paris?"

"That note was only for \$3,700. I believed Paris was good for ten times the amount. I never knew he drew out a cent on it, and even if I had known it I would have believed him good, as he was not until the failure of the Columbia National."

"The charge was also made, Governor, that you exhibited the assets of the bank in order to get depositors."

"I never exhibited the assets of the bank," he interrupted. "I never exhibited any of the bank's money at all. The only thing that might have given rise to such a report was the explanation I made to some gentlemen whom I was soliciting to take stock in the bank. I simply told them of the plan of the bank, and when they said they were not bankers and did not know of bank transactions I told them they had the privilege of examining the bank's condition every month and could count the cash. The law requires the director to make this examination every month. There was never a day I didn't consider the bank solvent until the failure of the Columbia."

"Many of Governor Chase's neighbors have asked to go on his bond and, since this trouble, he has received a great many letters from prominent men in the State offering to aid him."

The Governor Will Be Vindicated, New Albany Tribune.

The Tribune does not envy those newspaper men who are so heartless as to say harsh things of ex-Governor Chase, whose experience with ex-financial sharks in whom he put confidence has been so disastrous to him. But those who know Ira J. Chase will never doubt his integrity. We hope and we believe he will come through the fire unscathed. To be indicted is unfortunate, but does not stain the innocent. A trial that cannot convict is a vindication, and may be a benefit by removing suspicion. And we believe this result will follow in this case.

Attempted Suicide.

Yesterday noon the wife of a street-car motorman, named Hubbard, attempted suicide at her husband's boarding house on College avenue, near Ninth street. The couple have been separated for a time, and yesterday Mrs. Hubbard called on her husband, and sat down to eat dinner with him. It was during the meal that she took poison, and then announced what she had done. Dr. McShane arrived in time to save her life.

Found a Wolf in a Basket.

Mrs. Mary Wickliff, a colored woman, residing at 323 North Alabama street, entered

her smoke house yesterday morning and found suspended from the rafters of the building a white baby, apparently about six weeks old. The infant was comfortably attired, and beside it lay a nursing bottle and several articles of clothing. There were no marks of identification about the child or its clothing, and Mrs. Wickliff will keep the waif until it can be received at the orphan's asylum.

IN THE WHEELMEN'S WORLD

Great Preparations for the International Meet in This City in August.

Zimmerman-Osmond Match—Another Date for the Great Relay Ride—Races of July 4—Terre Haute Visitors.

All local cycling interest is beginning to center on the date of Aug. 24, when the meeting of the International Circuit will be held in this city, and when the lovers and patrons of the amateur sport of bicycling will have a chance to witness the work of some of the men who have made themselves famous by their fast riding both in this country and across the water.

The practical management of this, the greatest tournament which Indianapolis has ever had, is in the hands of Fred Patee, of the Indiana Bicycle Company, and he has a reputation that is country-wide for having brought numberless affairs of this character, and of more or less magnitude, to a successful termination. With him are associated those members of the Zigzag Club who are always the foremost workers in promoting the interests of the sport, and to say that everything that can be done to make it a success will be done is needless. Preparations are well under way even at this early date. Huge nine-sheet posters will soon adorn the bill boards of the city and the surrounding country announcing the event. They will be of the finest possible workmanship, and the subject will be "Arthur Augustus Zimmerman winning the international championship from Francis Osmond, with Willie Windle, Tyler, Taylor, Johnson, Munger and Lund, den close to the tape." There will also be portraits of the prominent I. A. W. men of the country and the members of the I. A. W. racing board. The poster will be in five colors. The subject has been chosen from the fact that the meeting between Zimmerman and Osmond is an event which is being looked forward to with more than ordinary interest on both sides of the Atlantic. Osmond is the undisputed champion of England and the continent, and Zimmerman holds similar sway in this country. The men's records for a mile vary by only a fifth of a second, that being in favor of Zimmerman, the only man possessed of that seldom-attained ability to win out on a race at the last moment, and jumping over the tape when the race seems lost to him, and each is possessed of courage and determination seldom equaled. Though they have ridden in races over the same course, and on the same day, they have never actually come together in the same race, and the friends of each have claimed that the other was afraid to meet him.

All of this will be settled the coming summer at the international races. The first meeting of these men may not be at the Indianapolis course, but they will both be here, and will both ride. Zimmerman, who is now in Chicago, and he has not yet announced to the public whether or not he will race, but to those who are his intimates he has said that he will do so. He is training hard and faithfully, and putting himself in the best possible condition. In a recent interview with Fred Patee, of this city, recently, he said that he would race this season, barring accidents, and gave Mr. Patee his promise to ride. Outside of these men there will be a galaxy of cranks that would do credit to any course. There will be McCreedy, the Irish champion; McIntosh, the fast man of Africa; Vogt and McLaren from Scotland, besides several riders from France and Germany, whose names have not yet been announced. Of the Americans there will be such names as Windle, Tyler, Johnson with his disputed record of 1:56.45, Taylor, and many others. Indianapolis will furnish some talent which cannot be laughed at. "Artie" Lund, who some time or another has defeated every man in the country with the exception of Zimmerman, and who holds the world's mile competition record; Birdie King, one of the speediest men in the West; Frank Waller, the long-distance champion; Walter Marmon, who is making an enviable record for himself in the East, riding under the colors of the Boston School of Technology, and Gene Minor, who, it is said, is going to surprise some people this summer.

That all, or nearly all, of these men will be here is now a settled assurance, and more genuine, clean sport will be crowded into the short hours of that afternoon than has ever before fallen to the lot of the residents of the city to see.

A week's meeting in the same circuit will be held at Chicago, just preceding the Indianapolis event, and that of itself will assure a large attendance of the racing men.

The relay ride, which was to have started from Springfield, Ill., two weeks ago, but which was postponed on account of rain and impassable roads, will be started on Wednesday morning. The same relays and riders which had been appointed for the previous time will hold good for the present one. Messages will be carried from the Governor of Illinois to the Governors of the five surrounding States, those to Gov. Matthews and to the Governor of Kentucky coming by the way of Indianapolis, and being carried through the greater part of the distance in this State by Indianapolis riders under the direction of Captain Fisher, of the Zigzag Club.

The start from Springfield will be made at 9 o'clock in the morning, and it is expected to reach this city by midnight of the same day. The messages to Governor Matthews will then be taken to his house, and the other hurried on its way to Kentucky.

The roads are in excellent condition, and should they remain so, it is expected to make some phenomenal time.

Sanger, of Milwaukee, who went to Europe with the avowed intention of beating all comers, and particularly of plucking the laurel wreath from the brow of Zimmerman, is not riding up to expectations. He rode unplaced in a race at Herne Hill, last week, and did not enter any of the other events. The English papers, in commenting on his riding, say that he seemed unable to accustom himself to the track, which has a wooden surface, and riding a very light machine, his vibrations seemed to disconcert him. They also said that his saddle worked loose, and that that might have been the cause of his poor showing.

Arthur Zimmerman is carrying everything before him wherever he is riding, but met with an unfortunate accident in Ireland last week which will disable him for some time. He had smashed all the Irish records, and then, in a five-mile race, collided with another rider and smashed himself, knocking several front teeth and getting badly bruised about the head and shoulders. Reports of the accident are meagre and do not agree, but it is believed that he is not seriously hurt.

Entry blanks for the races to be held the week of July 4, in conjunction with those of the Indianapolis Driving Club, can now be had at H. T. Hearsey's, and it is desirable for all those who desire to compete to send their names in early so as to avoid the rush. The total prize value for the events is over \$1,000, and there will doubtless be a big field of starters in each event. There are to be three races on the Fourth, and one each succeeding day, a complete list of which has been published.

Walter Marmon, of this city, won the one-mile cup, 255 class event, at New Haven, Conn., last week, as he placed, running away from his field. The time was 2:45.25. Marmon is expected to return to this city the first of next month, and

will then again don the Zigzag colors and ride under them for the rest of the season. That he will give a good account of himself it is needless to say, and he will make some of the more famous men look to their laurels.

J. S. Johnson, the Minneapolis boy who startled the world last season by riding a mile in time that was given out to be 1:56.45, last week, at the New Haven course, ran away from Willie Windle, beat all the track records and tied Zimmerman's mile over the same course, it being in 2:19.45. He is riding faster than he ever did, and expects to make some of the country's cranks do some tall hustling to head him off before the season is over.

The Ladies' Cycling Club met Friday evening at the home of Miss Ada Newby. It adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected the officers for the next six months. The club took its first run Saturday morning. The officers elected were as follows: Mrs. Edith De Vere, president; Mrs. Lou Truesler, vice president; Miss Lillie David, secretary and treasurer; Miss Minnie Shaw, captain; Miss Ada E. Newby, lieutenant. The committee on membership is composed of Miss Willits, Miss Jameson and Miss Monroe.

Word has been received from Terre Haute that a young man giving his name as Charles Carroll, and claiming to be from Springfield, Mass., imposed on the cycling club there to the extent of several weeks' board, and then fled, leaving many little loans unpaid. It was thought that he was headed for Indianapolis, and that a warning was given to all riders to avoid him.

The Terre Haute Cycling Club, twenty-two strong, will ride over from that city to-day and will be the guests of the Zigzag Club at dinner, at the Denison Hotel. The local club will ride out to meet the visiting wheelmen, and will also entertain them during the afternoon and evening. The club will return via rail.

Tom Roe will start from New York this afternoon, on a ride across the continent against time. He will be accompanied by Frank Waller, of this city, and a newspaper man. The present record is something like eighty days, but the riders confidently expect to make it in sixty, and say that they will do it or "bust."

BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS.

Plenty of Good Places About Indianapolis for the Work of Youthful Naturalists.



HE time is at hand when the small boy who delights in pursuing the gaudy butterfly, can go to the woods with his net and chase to his heart's content. It was a great fad with many of the high-school boys ten years ago to collect butterflies and moths and the premium offered by the State fair board did much to stimulate the fad. It was a harmless fad, indeed a profitable one to the boys, for the jaunts to the woods were healthful enough in themselves and then there was a scientific education that came to the youngsters when their curiosity prompted them to classify the pretty insects. An Agassiz Society was organized by the high-school boys, and it flourished for several years, and with a wholesome effect. It died, and has been revived several times since, and a society under that name is now in existence. In those days there was only one book in the Public Library that furnished information on butterflies and moths peculiar to Indiana. This book was well thumbed by the high-school boys. When the warm days of spring came on a watch was kept for the appearance of the first butterfly. The first butterfly was a harbinger of vacation time. It was no great event to exhibit a live moth before the snow had left the ground, because a moth could be brought out of its cocoon in a hot room. In the fall when the trees were bare the boys would go about with their long poles and twist or break down the limbs on which the caterpillars had woven their silken houses. These cocoons were laid away, and if placed near a stove, oftentimes a moth would be born about Christmas time. The wings of such moths, however, did not expand as fully as those born in the spring. A gauze-covered cage, formed a nursery for the moths. It was impossible to raise cocoons from the early-born moths, because after the eggs were laid and the caterpillars came to life there were no leaves with which to feed the tiny crawlers, and they soon dried up and died.

The Cecropia, the most common moth to be found around Indianapolis, and its cocoons are to be found in great numbers on the maple trees in the fall. The caterpillar is a great big ugly fellow that looks dreadfully dangerous, although he is perfectly harmless. He feeds on maple leaves principally, but contentedly nibbles on any other tree that his mother may put him on. The moth is beautiful in its drab gowning, trimmed with red and other hues. On the tips of the wings is a coloring that resembles a streak of lightning more than anything else. The Atropa Promethes is another moth frequently found lying after dark in this neighborhood. Its coloring has a shade of saffron. The Luna moth is, as its name signifies, the queen of the night. It was rare a few years ago, and it may be this year. Sometimes these beautiful green moths are found in greater numbers than at other times. They have long tails. The shade is of a pale green. The caterpillars are found on the leaves of the white pine tree. The groves along the north bank of Fall creek beyond the aqueduct occasionally furnish cocoons of the Luna.

There is a number of localities about Indianapolis that were known for the different varieties of butterflies and moths that could be found there, but the growth of the city has changed these wooded districts into residence portions of the city, and the boys that are now growing up will have to discover new haunts.

LATHERS' STRIKE.

Journeymen Expect to Win It Before Long—President Randall's Statement.

The lathers' strike, the journeymen say, promises soon to end. Three contractors have signed the scale, and others, it is believed, will soon do so. President Randall says there is no impression prevailing which is doing the union injustice. The rumor has been spread that the demand for an advance is exorbitant, whereas, he says, it amounts to only about 25 cents to a room, on an average. Mr. Randall said yesterday:

"It has been stated that the amount asked is so great as to be unobtainable to ask and impossible to meet. Now on all kinds of houses the average number of lath required is not to exceed one thousand to one room. The advance we ask will amount to less than 25 cents per thousand, less than 1/2 cent per yard, less than \$1 on a four-room house. I don't believe there is a man who will build a house in Indianapolis this year who would consider himself robbed if he pay \$2 more on an eight-room house, or \$5 more on a twelve-room house, thereby to enable the man who laths his building to provide himself and family a decent living—if there is let him stand as he is contented—he would like to know who he is. Every mechanic among the building tradesmen knows and admits there are few others on the building who work the hard and honest way, and work harder than does the lather. We suffer more loss of time in consequence of unfavorable weather and bad management over which we have no control, than do any other; it is a remarkable instance when we make eight full hours for six consecutive days. It is common for us to go to work six days and make only four or five days' time. We give the best efforts of an honest purpose to the lathing business. We ask fair compensation for honest service, and the man who stands in our way will not be losers 1 cent when we win. We are determined to stand by our cause and must succeed."

The Races.

Going to the races? Of course.

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